GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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AGREEMENT ON SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY WITH FINLAND
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed any agreement with the Government of Finland recently on Science & Technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the benefits likely to be accrued as a result of this agreement?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES; MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE; MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS; AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. An Agreement was signed on 25th March, 2008. It provides for cooperation in the form of (i) sharing experiences in national research, development and innovation policies and programmes of each country;(ii) exchanging scientific and technological information and documentation; (iii) drawing attention of potential partners directly involved in industrial research and development in their respective countries to possibilities for cooperation with the other country; (iv) facilitating identification of specific projects or partnerships between Finnish and Indian companies and initiating contacts between researchers, research organizations and companies through visits, workshops and seminars; (v) facilitating mobility of researchers, scientists and high level experts;
(vi) facilitating creation of joint commercial and non-commercial initiatives.

The nodal authority for implementation of this Agreement is Department of Science and Technology on the Indian side and the Ministry of Employment and the Economy on the Finnish side. The Agreement also provides for a Joint Committee/Group of experts to review plan and activities undertaken under this Agreement.

(c) This Agreement would promote and strengthen the scientific and technical cooperation between India and Finland.